

To: Title III & LEP Coordinators
Cc: District Testing Coordinators
Re: UPDATE: WIDA and ASSETS for 2014-15 SY
DATE: June 9, 2014
***please forward to appropriate staff, as needed.**

As a reminder, Idaho belongs to the ASSETS consortium, whose work focuses, in part, on creating an online version of WIDA's annual English Language Proficiency test, ACCESS. The online version will be named ACCESS 2.0. This email is being sent out to update districts with the most current WIDA and ACCESS 2.0 updates.

ACCESS 2.0 Updates

Attached, you will find a summary document outlining some of the essential materials now available on the WIDA/ASSETS website, at www.assetsproject.org, including the following:

- Preparation documents about ACCESS for ELLs 2.0
- Technology Requirements for the Operational Test
- Recommendations for Purchasing Headsets
- Key Implementation Strategies for the Operational Test
- What's New in ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

Also, WIDA is currently working on a rollout timeline, in regards to resources and trainings, for the operational test. As soon as I have a finalized copy, I will be sending on to districts.

WIDA Updates

Idaho WIDA trainings

Please save the dates below for Idaho WIDA trainings.

- October 2 and 3 - (1 day trainings Locations TBD)
- March 5 and 6 - (1 day trainings Locations TBD)

We will send out more information as we get closer to the dates.

WIDA National Conference: Creating Language-Rich Academic Learning Environments

Registration is now open for the 2014 WIDA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia October 23rd – 25th, 2014. Register by May 31st to take advantage of the early bird discount and save \$100 on the registration fee.

For more information, visit <http://widaconference.us>.

For more information on the ASSETS Consortium, including theory to practice, implementation, and timeline, please visit <http://assetsproject.org/>

For more information on the WIDA Standards, please visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/lep//> , and click on the ELD Standards button.

If you have any questions in regards to the implementation of the WIDA Standards, please contact Christina Nava, Title III/LEP Coordinator. If your questions are in regards to the new assessment system and/or the ASSETS Consortium, please contact Nichole Hall, English Proficiency Assessment Coordinator.

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